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A picture in the London Illustrated News showing a collection of "trophies" at Peking made for Queen Victoria may give the French press a good opening for return compliments about the "Gallic propensity for loot."

Cayless for Judge, vice Silliman, is a current rumor. As an original Wilcox man, Cayless is said to have been the Delegate's first choice. The President might have done better, but if he has saved the bench from Gear no good citizen need complain.

Runaways are getting too common for public comfort. Many of them are caused by drivers leaving horses unhitched at the curb while they go into a store on an errand. There is a law against this kind of carelessness but as hitching facilities are few and far between in the business quarter what are people to do? If every storekeeper would plant one or two stout posts at the curb the number of runaways would be reduced.

Appropos of the trouble at Stanford, President Schurman of Cornell spoke as follows at a University banquet in New York:

Ours is the most free-thinking age the world has ever witnessed. There has long been in process a conflict between free thought and traditional authority, and the twentieth century opens with the victory of free thought. The university is the congenial home of free inquiry. And I think we may rejoice, not only that at Cornell University, but at most of the great universities of the land, this principle is sacredly cherished and zealously carried into practice. The very outcry which an occasional act of intolerance, whether on the Atlantic or Pacific Coast, raises throughout the entire country shows that the intellectual pulse of the nation is sound and healthy. So may it always be! The right of free thought and free speech is at the foundation of the principle of free and unfettered inquiry at our universities would speedily poison the moral and political life of the nation.

But the universities have a greater task still to solve. Free thought has hitherto been almost entirely destructive. The next generations must use free thought to organize a coherent system of beliefs which shall embrace human life and the world as one harmonious whole.

The same note is being sounded by other great colleges and it will serve mightily to check the impulse of narrow rich people to make their support of higher education conditional upon slavery to their ideas. It may be borne upon them after this that such a policy will kill the institution they endorse.

A MILK FRAUD.

A housewife makes the following statement which the Advertiser, knowing her responsibility, is glad to publish:

"Some time ago I took milk from a man named Lishmann or Leishmann or something of the kind and found that, despite all I could do, it would not last over night. The milk got sour before morning and it never showed more than the faintest trace of cream. I complained and the milkman got angry, saying that his milk was pure. It certainly looked well but its quality was bad. I tried other dealers and finally in desperation got a cow of my own which yields milk that is good for three skimmings of cream. Well, the other day I hired Mr. Lishmann's cook and the first thing he said when he saw my full milk pans was: 'Shall I put on the stove?' 'Why?' I asked. 'Yes, at Mr. Lishmann's I warm milk to make cream come up quick and then take cream all off.' My eyes were opened by this statement and I saw why my 12 1/2-cent-a-quart milk had been so unsatisfactory. That the milk always looked well may be due to something being put in it to give it body."

Here is a case which throws a flood of light on the methods of unscrupulous milk-dealers and shows how serious is the need of drastic legislation to protect the consuming public. It looks to us as if the only remedy is a law organizing a regular force of milk inspectors and empowering them to stop delivery wagons and make a test, then and there—a suitable pocket device being in the market for that purpose—and where the milk is found to have been skimmed or adulterated to pour it into the street. Such a force would have to work by night as well as by day and would be worth all it might cost.

KAHUNAISM.

Since the coming of Papa Ito there has been a revival of Kahunaism in these islands which has led some of the clergy in direct spiritual contact with the natives to take various measures of resistance. No belief is harder to get out of the native mind than that in the power and presence of witchcraft. Some of the strongest and most cultivated Hawaiians turn to the Kahunas in time of weakness or distress and all the laws that have been passed against these devil-doctors and all the knowledge imparted to their dupes does not suffice to stop the spread of their sorcery or limit the respect paid to its pretensions. People are still being prayed to death as they were in the days when a Kahuna tried the experiment upon the famous John Young, only to die himself in abject terror when Young set up an altar and began industriously praying for the death of the Kahuna. Elsewhere in these columns we show how a young wife was made ill by Kahunaism and not long ago a reputable evening paper attributed the death of David Naone to the same cause. Indeed such instances might be multiplied by scores without going back on the calendar very far.

Papa Ito has brought the superstition to a much whiter heat than are the lava stones upon which he walks. In the Hawaiian belief he has more than apostolic power to "bind or loose." It was only necessary to hear the cries of native rage when a "haole" tried to follow in Papa Ito's footsteps on the heated rock, and to see the Hawaiians flock about the old man after his performance to touch the hem of his garment, to realize the height and depth of the heathen influence he is founding. We should have no cause for astonishment if Papa Ito's tour undid, in a month's time, the work of laborious years in leading the native up from superstition to enlightenment.

HILL REDIVIVUS.

The invitation given David B. Hill by the Democrats of Texas to come to that State and speak on current and future politics means more than a personal compliment, or the satisfaction of public curiosity. Texas is, or has been, the stronghold of Bryan, and the twice-defeated Nebraskan still counts his friends there in multitudes. But Texas Democrats, like those elsewhere, indulge no illusions about a leader who has twice carried them into a Waterloo. They will not follow him again and they are looking for some one of equal or greater capability who stands a chance to win and restore the Democracy to a power which it has held for but eight years out of forty. There is no use in turning again to Cleveland and risking the issue of a third term; and of the possible leaders that remain, David B. Hill is the most able and distinguished, Mr. Gorman not excepted.

Twenty years ago Mr. Hill was a lawyer of Southern New York, who had won some local prestige at the bar, but had enjoyed no political experience outside the boundaries of his State, and but little within them. He was a cold, calculating man who never drank or smoked or cultivated a knowledge of society. One would not have thought of him as a party favorite, but when Cleveland came to the front for Governor of New York in 1882, Mr. Hill was picked out for second place on the ticket because of his geographical location. That was the year of the Democratic tidal wave when Cleveland got 192,000 majority. To the surprise of his party Hill got 197,000 majority and by grace of that success he began to figure as a rival of Cleveland for Democratic State and National leadership.

His growth in the sphere of affairs was rapid. On Cleveland's election as President, Hill filled his unexpired term as Governor. In 1885 he was nominated for the full term and elected by a great vote. Three years later his re-election followed, and at the close of his term he became United States Senator.

Mr. Hill had been called a "peanut politician," and the phrase stuck. But in point of fact he was no more of a peanut politician than was Martin Van Buren or Henry Clay, or Samuel J. Tilden. It did not take him long when in the Senate to dispute Gorman's primacy, and before his term had half ended the Senate regarded him as one of its three or four ablest men. He was adroit in debate, quick in strategy, practical in statesmanship. The Cleveland influence was against him, however, and he could not hope to get a Presidential nomination from his party while Cleveland was available for a second term. So to keep his hand in he ran for Governor again, but he chose a Republican tidal wave year for the experiment, and was simply engulfed. Since then he has emerged but once from retirement, and that was to go as a delegate to the Kansas City convention. The enthusiasm which greeted his appearance on the platform was intense; and David B. Hill left the great hall with his ambitions all revived. When Bryan scored a second defeat Hill's prospects cleared. Thenceforth the contest for party leadership was free for all, and who could do better in such a race than the man who had behind him so full a record of Democratic service, and had run so many great political heats with triumph at the end.

Shall it be Hill in 1904? If he lives and makes no mistakes his bid for the Democratic nomination may easily be the strongest. He is today the leading probability; his chances are vastly better than Bryan's or Gorman's or Tilden's, while Cleveland has no chance at all. Hill stands between the ultra conservatism of Cleveland, and the socialistic radicalism of Bryan. He is a Democrat of strong convictions, and of the old Van Buren and Jacksonian school. He could rally his party and lead it with spirit and dash. So why not Hill? Where is a more available man?

The Hilo Herald upbraids the people of its town because of their "indifference regarding plans of county government." It does seem strange that the owners of Hilo should not be enthusiastic for a scheme that would double their taxes without giving them better official service. The whole thing is inexplicable. Usually when a tax-raising committee is abroad the property owners keep open house for it and feel offended when it does not call and view the property it wants to mortgage. But Hilo, contrary as ever, holds aloof and sulks.

It is said that the Independents have agreed among themselves to make Robert Parker High Sheriff in place of Arthur Brown. This is an interesting rumor but it lacks at least one corroborative detail, namely, a section of the Organic Act which gives the Legislature the power to make a new appointment.

Regret is general in the American press for the illness of Admiral Cervera, who, owing to the Sampson-Schley quarrel and Dewey's political escapade, is the only Admiral that came out of the war of 1898 who has unchallenged American popularity.

MORE AND LESS OF CAPITAL STOCKS

Governor's Council Considers Applications Yesterday Morning.

Few matters came up for the consideration of the Governor's council yesterday morning. The most important business brought to its attention was that of the application of C. Brewer & Co. to amend its charter to increase its capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000, with the option of increasing it to five times the latter amount, or \$25,000,000 in all. In the original charter the privilege was allowed to make the subsequent extension from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000.

With was proposed the capital stock would be the most heavily stocked corporation in the islands, and would be enabled to carry on a business not alone in sailing vessels for carrying freight, but could enter into competition in the steamship business for freight and passengers. Action on the matter was deferred, on account of the enormous capital involved.

Application was read from the Kihel Plantation Company asking that the amendment to its charter to reduce its capital stock from \$3,000,000 to \$2,500,000 be allowed. The \$500,000 worth of stock represents that surrendered by L. A. Thurston and H. P. Baldwin. The application was granted.

The Honolulu Rapid Transit Company notified the Department of Public Works that at the annual meeting of the stockholders held last week a resolution was passed increasing the capital stock from \$300,000 to \$500,000. Before action can be taken on this matter a statement must be filed by the Rapid Transit Company with the Department of Public Works showing the amount of money already expended for construction purposes. The franchise has a clause that certain amount must be expended in the actual building of the road before an increase of capital can be sanctioned.

The application of S. Kojima for a liquor dealer's license, to be located in his store on the Ewa side of Nuuanu street, between Pauahi and Beretania, was granted.

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